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ASYLUM FOR INEBRIATES, COSTING \$500,000, WOULD SAVE MILLIONS TO CITY

Present System of Caring for the 29,461 Arrested Costs \$250,000 a Year.

COULD CUT TO \$80,000.

Board of Estimate Committee Gives Astonishing Statistics of City's Drunkenness.

The special committee appointed by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment March 9 last to consider the advisability of carrying into effect Chapter 531 of the Laws of 1910, which provides for the establishment of a board of inebriety and a hospital and industrial colony for inebriates, submitted its report to-day. It said, among other things: "The 29,461 persons arrested in this city and arraigned in Magistrates' courts on the charge of public intoxication last year constituted more than one-sixth of all the arrests made for all causes. Of this number 20,291 were held for trial. The records fall to show the final disposition of all of these cases, but about 15,000 were committed to the workhouse. "Seven thousand male drunkards are treated annually in the alcoholic wards of Bellevue and allied hospitals. In one year, ending May 1, 1909, 408 men were treated for intoxication more than once in that ward and more than one hundred from four to twelve times, and that in the course of a few years some individuals have been treated in the alcoholic ward more than twenty times and committed to the workhouse more than fifty times. "THOUSANDS SPENT ANNUALLY ON INDIVIDUAL CASES. "The expense incurred year by year because of this average daily expense of each prisoner confined in the workhouse and jail is about 55 cents; in Bellevue and allied hospitals it is two or three times as much. In a few years individual cases have cost the city from \$200 to \$500 each. "The cost of the Police Department and the Magistrates' Courts in dealing with 20,000 arrests for intoxication annually is not to be ascertained, but is certainly very great. Economy demands that the present aimless method of dealing with inebriates should give way to a more rational system which will tend to diminish their number and the attendant expense of dealing with them. "A method is provided by the law relating to inebriety passed by the Legislature as Chapter 531, Laws of 1910, which was based upon a thorough study of the problem in this and other States of the Union and in foreign countries, and which embodies the best modern practice of dealing with the occasional and habitual drunkard. "INSTITUTION COSTING \$500,000 WOULD PROVE ECONOMICAL. "Wherever the method has been tried it has given results which warrant its further extension. It is used in England, Germany and other countries. It has been adopted in a number of States, notably Massachusetts, Iowa, and Minnesota, which have provided special institutions. "Three essential elements are to be considered in estimating the cost of establishing such an institution: first, the cost of a site and necessary expense for a hospital and industrial colony; second, the annual cost of operation of this institution; and, third, the expense involved in maintaining the offices of the Board of Inebriety and the necessary field officers. "A site of several hundred acres will be needed, the cost of which would be limited to \$50,000. It is roughly estimated that 500 inmates must be provided for, so that the required appropriation will be about \$100,000. The annual expenditure for an institution of about 500 inmates should not exceed \$50,000. "We, therefore, offer the following resolution: "Resolved, That a Board of Inebriety be appointed in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 531 of the Laws of 1910, with instructions to report its preliminary plans to this Board at the earliest possible moment. "Respectfully submitted, "W. S. MANNEN, "President of the Borough of Manhattan. "GEORGE CROMWELL, "President of the Borough of Richmond."

200,000 CHILDREN OF BROOKLYN ARE REVIEWED BY TAFT

First President at Big Sunday School Parade Hailed With Songs and Cheers.

To-day, for the first time in the history of Brooklyn, a President of the United States reviewed the annual parade of the Sunday school pupils of that borough. President Taft came this afternoon from Washington and, true to his habit of making his visits to Greater New York a whirlwind tour by automobile, sped to Brooklyn, made speeches in the various parts of the borough, accepted a bouquet or two, posed several times for his photograph, had luncheon and then watched 200,000 white-robed children march before him, waving flags and singing. "From the Williamsburg Bridge plaza to the reviewing stand in Prospect Park the streets never were gayer dressed. Sunday School Day is one of the oldest and the biggest general holidays in Brooklyn, and there were flags on nearly every house front, streamers and festoons of bunting on stores and public buildings, and bands on nearly every second corner playing "Hail to the Chief." But the children, boys and girls, all in new white frocks and linen suits, each with an American flag, were the brightest feature of the whole show to the President, and he made no bones about saying so. "FORMER DEPUTY FLYNN COMMANDED TAFT'S BODYGUARD. President Taft and his party arrived in the Pennsylvania Station at 1:10 o'clock. William J. Flynn, former Secretary of the Police Department of New York, who has returned to the United States Secret Service, was in charge of the squad of Secret Service men who came with Taft, and rode in an automobile preceding the Presidential car. "The President and his aide, Major Archibald Butt, were met in the station by Herbert Brush, grand marshal of the Sunday School parade, accompanied by Congressman William M. Calder, Collector of the Port William Leeb, Naval Officer F. J. Kracke and Assistant Secretary of the Treasury F. J. Curtis. A line of policemen was formed and the Presidential party entered automobiles and was driven hurriedly across Thirty-first street to Fifth avenue, to Fourth street, to the Bowery and across the Williamsburg Bridge. "The dust on the bridge was so thick the President and nearly everybody else in the party began coughing. "We have been threatened with a water famine, Mr. President," explained Mr. Brush. "Well, at any rate, you aren't struggling with a dust famine," replied President Taft. "At the Brooklyn terminal of the bridge the President was met by Borough President Steers of Brooklyn and about 5,000 Sunday School pupils, all waving flags and singing with all the strength of their young voices. President Taft was impressed with the sight and showed his delight. He arose in his automobile, took off his silk hat, smiled as widely as he can smile and bowed again and again. "FLOWER BEARER HONORED AS 5,000 CHILDREN CHEER. The children stopped singing and cheered, and from their ranks came a little girl bearing a bunch of American beauty roses bigger than herself. She was lifted into the Presidential auto, and as the President took the flowers and patted her on the head the flowers were yelled as if their throats would crack. "The girl then motored down Broadway to Havemeyer street, to Division avenue, to Wilson street and to the Hanover Club. All the way the President passed through lines of Sunday school children and bands playing National airs, and he was cheered as only a lot of children can cheer. "A crowd of about 5,000 was waiting in front of the Hanover Club, and President Taft and those accompanying him walked through a roped-off passageway. They were met in the club by

Rich Hotel Man Who Is Seriously Wounded; Two Girls Who Shot Him in Their Apartment



W. E. D. STOKES

LILLIAN GRAHAM

GIRLS WAVED PISTOLS AT STOKES TO MAKE HIM WRITE APOLOGY

One Had Threatened Suit Against Him for Broken Promise to Wed, Other Resented His Attentions to Her.

DEMANDED BLACKMAIL OF \$25,000, HE ASSERTS

Two Young Women Held Without Bail for Trying to Kill Rich Hotel Man.

Ethel Conrad, who with Lillian Graham, her show girl chum, was arraigned in the West Side Court to-day and held without bail for attempting to murder W. E. D. Stokes, the millionaire owner of the Hotel Ansonia, in their flat yesterday afternoon, confessed to her lawyer in her cell in the court prison this afternoon that Miss Graham had sought to compel Mr. Stokes to sign a statement by threatening him with a revolver she had prepared for his visit.

Many of the statements made by the Conrad girl conflicted with the description of the shooting furnished by Miss Graham to Inspector Russell earlier in the day. Ethel Conrad made it appear that Mr. Stokes had been pursuing her with his unwelcome attentions, but she backed up Miss Graham in declaring he came to their flat to get hold of letters he had written to Miss Graham and upon which she had threatened to bring a breach of promise suit against him.

"When Mr. Stokes came to the house," said Miss Conrad, "he did not ask for a pad on our table. She told him he would have to sit down and sign a statement retracting all he had said about her and her family. Mr. Stokes laughed at her and when she threatened again with the revolver he rushed at her and grabbed her by the throat. Then the shooting began and I did my share."

When the two show girls appeared before Magistrate French both waived arraignment and had nothing to say save that they had emptied their revolvers at the millionaire in self-defense. The two handsome young prisoners were held on a blanket short affidavit signed by Policeman Tully, who arrested them immediately after the shooting in their light housekeeping kitchenette apartment in the Varuna, No. 25 West Eighth street. On the word of Mr. Stokes Tully charged that the two girls, acting in concert and by design, had sought to hold up the owner of the Ansonia for \$25,000, which they demanded for the return of letters he had written to Miss Graham.

CHARGE IS SHOOTING WITH INTENT TO KILL.

Both were charged with shooting at Mr. Stokes with intent to kill. It was further stated in the document that Mr. Stokes was laid up in the Roosevelt Hospital in a serious condition and that there was danger that death might result from his wounds.

In countering the blackmail charge of Mr. Stokes Lillian Graham alleges that the millionaire was desperately anxious to obtain the letters he had written her because she had threatened him with a breach of promise suit and had engaged Martin W. Littleton to start action.

She swears that Mr. Stokes repeatedly promised to marry her long before he met his present wife and that she took steps to bring suit after his marriage to her because she had threatened him with a breach of promise suit and had engaged Martin W. Littleton to start action.

Concluding her statement that both she and Miss Conrad shot Stokes in self-defense, Miss Graham says she burst into her apartment yesterday afternoon and demanded the letters, that he went storming about the flat trying to reach into drawers and boxes and made him write an apology.

CONRAD GIRL MADE ANOTHER MAN SIGN APOLOGY WITH GUN

Accused Plattsburg Merchant of Circulating Stories and Threatened to Shoot Him.

(Special to The Evening World.) PLATTSBURG, N. Y., June 8.—Ethel Conrad attempted to shoot Charles Miller, a prominent merchant of this city, last August. She claimed that Miller had circulated stories about her, and one day called at his store and asked him to step into his private office. Then she pulled a revolver on him and made him write an apology.

EARTHQUAKE RUIN IN MEXICAN TOWNS; VOLCANO ACTIVE

Capital Hears of Many More Dead and Thousands Homeless at Other Places.

GUADALAJARA, Mex., June 8.—The volcano Colima became active yesterday when the earthquake shocks were felt and to-day is emitting smoke and lava. The towns of Tonila and San Andres were badly damaged by the disturbances, portions of them being destroyed. A relief train has been sent to the scene from here.

MEXICO CITY, June 8.—Despatches from Tuxpan, some miles east of the volcano Colima in the southern part of the State of Jalisco, says that Zapotlan suffered severely from yesterday's earthquakes. The number of victims is said to be large. A church and a number of houses were thrown down and other dwelling places rendered unsafe.

While the city authorities are hurriedly repairing the damage caused by yesterday's earthquake shocks, burying the dead and caring for the wounded, the Government officials, by direction of President de la Barra, are endeavoring to get into communication with the country south of the capital. It is feared that when details are received the disaster will be greatly increased.

Reports made to the police to-day place the number of dead in the city at seventy-five, of whom forty were soldiers. This list is expected to be increased when the search of the demolished buildings in the poorer quarters of the city is completed. Of the injured about 500 are in the main and temporary hospitals. Many of these are children who were abandoned by their terrified parents following the shocks, and who were caught and crushed in the debris of their homes.

The Santa Maria quarter, which suffered the most severely, was surrounded today by a cordon of military. Poor laborers, impoverished into service, are raising all badly damaged structures and searching the ruins for those already fallen for dead or injured.

While this is going on other workmen are making temporary repairs to the national palace, the Santa Domingo Cathedral and the other noted buildings and churches which were damaged by the quake. The work of repairing the damaged pavements will be a big task.

"BIFF" ELLISON GUILTY OF MANSLAUGHTER.

James Ellison, known among gangsters as "Biff," was found guilty of manslaughter in the first degree, late this afternoon in the Criminal Branch of the Supreme Court, before Justice Davis. He will serve a year in prison before Justice Davis next Wednesday.

The World Travel Bureau. Arcade, 100 Nassau street, near N. Y. P. O. and Information for Hudson River and Erie Railroad. Baggage of hotel guests from New York and other cities. Traveling checks and money orders, etc.

FOR BASEBALL, RACING RESULTS AND ENTRIES SEE SPORTING PAGE.

3,500 GIRLS HELP LAY CORNER STONE OF NEW SCHOOL

Mayor Gaynor and a committee of members, and the Mayor made a brief address of welcome to Brooklyn.

"I have come to New York so often of late," President Taft replied, "that I'm afraid I'll soon be a burden on your hands. It is a great pleasure to come to Brooklyn, especially when a Brooklyn man is at the head of the Greater City."

While bands played and 3,500 white-robed girls marched about in intricate evolutions, pausing now and then to shrill their class yell, the corner stone of the new Washington Irving High School was laid this afternoon at Seventeenth street and Irving place.

The 3,500 happy young girls who made most of the noise are pupils present in the six buildings now comprising the Washington Irving High School. There were hundreds of other girls present, representing all the other high schools in the city, and they marched in the procession from Gramercy Park four abreast, wearing the colors of their schools and adding their mite of noise to show the Washington Irving girls that they were not the only ones who had class yell and songs.

The cornerstone was laid by Frank D. Wilsey, chairman of the building committee of the Board of Education. He was assisted by A. Duar Irving, a descendant of Washington Irving.

As a preliminary to the laying of the cornerstone the pupils of Washington Irving High School held a jubilation exercises this morning at the present parent school in East Twelfth street, and at the six branches, variously located in East Thirtieth, East Twentieth, East Eighty-eighth, West Twentieth, West Eighty-second and Grand streets.

At each of the seven places a programme of music and addresses was carried out with students, alumni, members of the Board of Education and teachers, past and present, taking part.

"FINE LITTLE MAN" WADES INTO THE PRESIDENTIAL SOUP. "Well, my fine little man, and how are you?" said the President and lifted Master Berri and placed him on the table in front of him, while the guests cheered to the echo. But Master Berri, overcome by the attention, made a false step

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